

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/879,823

Applicant(s)
Barnett et al

Examiner
James W. Myhre

Art Unit
3622

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) James W. Myhre

(3) Brad Blaise

(2) Arthur Duran

(4) _____

Date of Interview Jun 3, 2003

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1

Identification of prior art discussed:

Williams et al (6,075,971)

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The Applicant argued that the claimed features were supported in the specification. The discussion focused on the feature of using each coupon "a predetermined number of times". Once support was established that the redemptions of the coupon were monitored and the redemption information was stored, the meaning and scope of the phrase was discussed. It was determined that the Applicant had support for setting the predetermined number of times to one, but not for any number greater than one. The Examiner recommended the addition of a "wherein" clause at the end of the claim, specifying that the predetermined number of times was one. Since the Applicant had support for a subset of the above feature, the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection of the claims will be withdrawn upon receipt of a response.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

**JAMES W. MYHRE
PRIMARY EXAMINER
ART UNIT 3622**

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required